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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 28 and 48-49 and 51-65 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-4, 9, 11-27 and 29-39 are withdrawn. Claims 5-8, 10, 40-47 and 50 are cancelled. New claims 53-73 have been added.

Claims 5-6, 28 and 45-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over Whiteis in view of Official Notice. With regard to claims 5-6, claims 5-6 are cancelled.

With regard to claim 28, the rejection is overcome by amending claim 28 to include, "content registration means of receiving the registration of new contents from the user and registering said new contents in said content database." Basis for these amendments may be found in the specification, at pages 62-63 and Figure 5.

Whiteis teaches that contents to be retrieved are, for example, movies which are known to many people but are not created by the user. The contents in Whiteis exist in the "NAMES TABLE" 251, as shown in Figure 1. The word "register" in Whiteis designates a user's act of selecting a favorite content from the contents existing in the "NAMES TABLE" and inputting the content into the "INPUT TABLE" 201, as shown in Figure 1. Thus, the contents in Whiteis are not created by the user. Rather, the contents exist in the "NAMES TABLE" in advance.

In the present application, the contents to be retrieved are, for example, recipes, created by the user. (Fig. 3). The contents to be retrieved exist in the content database 2. In the present application, the term "register" designates a user's act of registering contents created by the user in the content database by using the content registration means 8. Thus, the contents are not prepared in the content database. Rather, the contents which are created by the users are registered in the content database by the users.

The features described above present several advantages over the prior art. The contents of the present invention which are created by the user are collected. As the user registers more contents, the user may retrieve more data. Thus, the user is motivated to register additional contents to be collected. In addition, the preference

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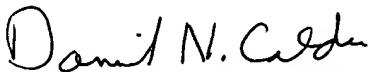
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of the user who registers contents may be identified. Because Whiteis does not disclose the limitations of claim 28, claim 28 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Whiteis and Official Notice. Claims 53-73 depend from claim 28. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Whiteis and Official Notice for at least the same reasons as claim 28.

With regard to claim 48, claim 48, while not identical to claim 28, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 28. Thus, claim 48 is also not subject to rejection for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 28. Claims 49 and 51-52 depend from claim 48. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Whiteis and Official Notice for at least the same reasons as claim 48.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28, 48, 49, and 51-73 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

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